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Photographic Intelligence Brief

SUSPECTED SOVIET GUIDED MISSILE SUBMARINE



HTA/<sup>B</sup>SM-1/57  
28 June 1957

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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF  
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INSTALLATION: Suspected Soviet Guided Missile Submarine	BRIEF NO.: SB-1-57
LOCATION: Bukhta Ulis, Vladivostok, USSR	DATE: 28 June 1957
B.E. NUMBER: NA	LAT.: 43°04'59" N
WAC NUMBER: 291	LONG.: 131°55'25" E

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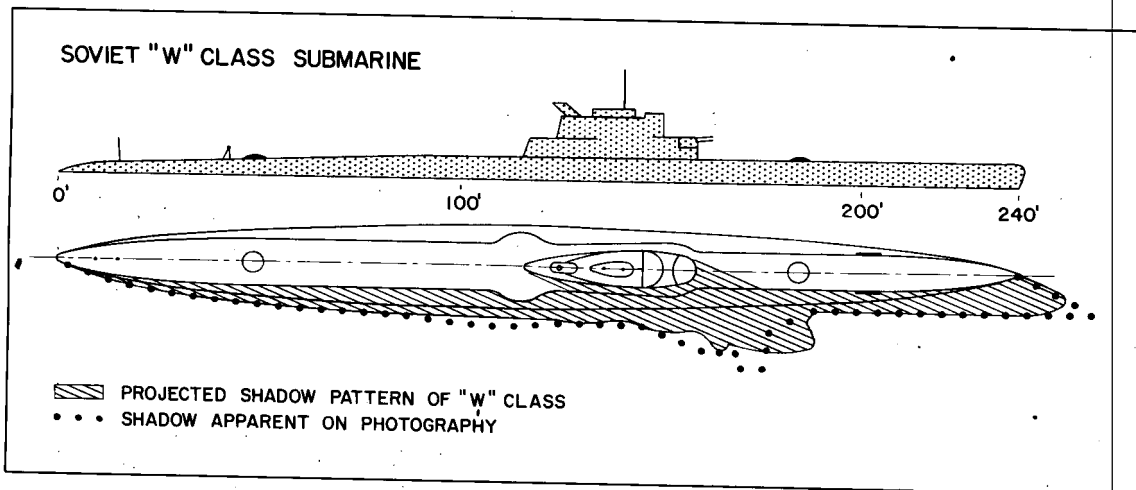
REQUIREMENT GP/HTA/R13/57: Analysis and sketch of possible missile carrying submarine.

REMARKS:

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Photography [REDACTED] covering the Vladivostok Area reveals a submarine suspected of having a guided missile capability. The submarine of special interest is one of three located in the northern section of Bukhta Ulis. It is the northernmost one in the group tied to a fingerlike pier that extends from the west coast of Bukhta Ulis. Quality of the photography coupled with lack of good stereo precludes identification of structural details expected to be displayed by a submarine guided missile launching device.

Although chunks of ice around the stern of the submarine obscure that part of the vessel, the projected outline of the hull indicates that it is approximately 240 feet long. Comparison of distances between bow, conning tower, and gun deck further indicates that the submarine is of the W-class.



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The above graphic shows the shadow projection of a W-class submarine, [REDACTED] which prevailed at the time of photography, superimposed on the outline of the submarine shadow apparent on the photograph. A comparison of the two reveals a close over-all similarity. Considering the accentuated shadows cast by objects when the sun is low, it is believed that if missile launching equipment similar to that used by U.S. Forces were present on the submarine it would cause conspicuous differences in the two shadow configurations. Since this is not the case, it is concluded that the submarine under consideration is not capable of launching guided missiles.

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